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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER ON UNDP:

QUOTE DEAR MR. JOHNSTON:

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND A COPY OF A REQUEST BY THE TRUST TERRITORY TO THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR PROJECT PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING. THE FINAL TRUST TERRITORY DRAFT, UPON WHICH THE ENCLOSED REVISIONS WERE MADE, WAS SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON VIA STATUS LNO AIRGRAM NO. A-19, DATED AUGUST 5, 1975, WHICH ALSO ENCLOSED YOUR LETTER OF JULY 11, 1975, TO MR. HANS MARTIN SCHMID.

THIS REVISED DOCUMENT IS THE RESULT OF CAREFUL REVIEW AND STUDY BY SEVERAL CONCERNED AGENCIES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND CAN BE SUBMITTED TO UNDP BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITH A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION. THE NOTABLE REVISIONS MADE ON THE DOCUMENT WHICH YOU SUBMITTED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- GOVERNMENT COOPERATING AGENCY. THE OFFICE OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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HIGH COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE THE GOVERNMENT COOPERATING AGENCY FOR ANY UNDP PROJECT. IT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR A UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF

A GOVERNMENT.

- THE MARIANAS DISTRICT. THE PROJECT HAS BEEN REVISED SO AS NOT TO OPERATE IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT SINCE THE AGREED PHASE I TRANSITION PLAN WILL COMMENCE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COVENANT BY THE U.S. CONGRESS. IN THIS REGARD, THE TRUST TERRITORY IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNDP PROJECT HAS BEEN SCALED DOWN.

- LONG-RANGE AND PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVES. THESE HAVE BEEN REVISED SO THAT THEY FOCUS ON THE THREE MAJOR FUNCTIONS WITH WHICH THE TRUST TERRITORY PLANNERS, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA JOINT PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE UNDP DEVELOPMENT EXPERTS SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CONCERNED. FIRST IS THE NEED TO DETERMINE AN ATTAINABLE MAXIMUM LEVEL FOR LOCAL REVENUES WHICH CAN BE USED IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE. SECOND IS THE NEED FOR EACH DISTRICT AND FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY AS A WHOLE TO ATTACH PRIORITIES TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS NEEDS WHICH CAN BE CONSTRUCTED OUT OF THE PROJECTED U.S. FIVE-YEAR CIP GRANT CEILING OF 145 MILLION DLRS. PLANNERS AND DISTRICT OFFICIALS SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT THESE GRANTS MAY BE USED EITHER FOR DIRECT CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT OR AS TRUST TERRITORY MATCHING GRANTS IN PARTICIPATING FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS. THIRD, THE DISTRICT AND TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENTS, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM UNDP EXPERTS, SHOULD DETERMINE HOW BEST TO DERIVE ECONOMIC BENEFIT FROM THE INFRASTRUCTURE AS IT IS CONSTRUCTED WHILE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ITS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENT.

- FULL-SCALE PROJECT ASSISTANCE REQUEST. IT IS NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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CLEAR AT THIS TIME WHETHER AN EVENTUAL FULL-SCALE UNDP PROJECT SIMILAR TO YOUR FIRST SUBMISSION WILL BE NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE. THE PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE SHOULD THEREFORE NOT BE CONSTRUED AS A PRELIMINARY STEP WHICH ENVISIONS A FULL-SCALE UNDP PROJECT. REVISIONS ALONG THESE LINES HAVE BEEN MADE.

THE ENCLOSED DOCUMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE UNDP BY THE UNITED STATES ALTHOUGH, AS MENTIONED EARLIER, IT DOES DELINEATE THE MAXIMUM UNDP INVOLVEMENT WHICH WE SUPPORT AT THIS TIME. I WILL APPRECIATE YOUR SHARING THE PROJECT REQUEST WITH CONGRESSMAN SETIK AND OTHERS IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND INFORMING HIM OF THE

REASONS FOR THE REVISIONS. HOPEFULLY, IT WILL NOT PROVE
NECESSARY TO PUSH BACK THE PROJECT STARTING DATE BY
MORE THAN A FEW WEEKS,IF AT ALL. I WILL AWAIT WORD
FROM YOU REGARDING YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CONGRESS
BEFORE FORWARDING THE REQUEST TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT
FOR SUBMISSION TO UNDP.

SINCERELY YOURS, DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS UNQUOTE

LETTER QUOTED ABOVE WITH ATTACHMENTS WILL BE MAILED.
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